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## Conservation Commission Minutes, June 15, 2006

### ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

JUNE 15, 2006

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Ellen Reed, David White, Judith Hodges, William O'Rourke Catherine Garnett, and Chuck Tirone of the Commission. Timothy Sullivan, of the Commission, was not in attendance. Elizabeth Karpati, of the Spy Pond Committees (Friends and Vision 2020) was also present.

7:30 p.m. - COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ms. Hodges volunteered to issue a new letter for the 53R Park St. Conservation land. She asked Ms. Beckwith to forward her the old letter from the past correspondence with Arlington Coal and Lumber.

White/Hodges motioned to approve the 5/18 and 6/1 minutes with edits; motion passed unanimously.

White/Hodges motioned to approve the payment of the MACC dues of \$345 for annual dues for last year; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. White drafted a letter to the abutters of the Mt. Gilboa Conservation land, addressing care and maintenance issues. The board asked Ms. Beckwith to obtain the abutters list from the assessor's office. Reed/O'Rourke motioned to approve the letter with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. White reported on a site walk the to Arilmont Conservation land, regarding granite curbing blocks, trees and land steward involvement. The DPW will be asked to clean up some plant material debris on the site, to plant some more trees, and to move the curbing.

Town Day 2006, is on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Beckwith solicited help for the event. Ms. Reed volunteered to update posters for the booth. Mr. Tirone has new brochures on boating issues from DCR. Ms. Hodges and Mr. Tirone volunteered to help set up and be at the booth in the morning and Mr. O'Rourke and Mr. Stevens will help in the afternoon.

Mr. Tirone discussed potential sites for the new boat ramp signs that he is receiving from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. The Arlington Park and Recreation Department has initially approved of their use, at least for the time being, at the new boat ramp at Spy Pond Park. One will placed at the ramp and a second at the parking lot on Pond Land, other side of the bikepath, where boaters park their trailers. Other sites potentially may include; Lakeshore/Intervale on the Lower Mystic lake, Kelwyn Manor park, Gold St., Spring Valley, Boys and Girls Club, Arlington Reservoir.

Ms. Beckwith informed the Commission of the receipt of correspondence from Steve Kaiser of Cambridge regarding the recent flood event in May and a letter on the appeal of the pathway project in the Alewife Reservation. Mr. Stevens asked that an electronic copy of the documents be forwarded to the Commission.

7:45pm WORKING SESSION – Thesda St – the resident didn't appear for this meeting.

8:15pm WORKING SESSION – Arlington Reservoir Dam Project – planting plan

Ms. Garnett presented the nearly complete landscaping plan to the Commission. She has placed more than enough numbers of trees for the replacement of those cut for the project. She will complete the species list and forward this to the Commission. Work is to commence this fall. Some trees may wait to be planted in the spring, as in the oaks, which should not be planted in fall as

they don't survive the winter well.

The Commission is very grateful to Ms. Garnett for the donation of her time and effort in the preparation and coordination of a well-designed plan.

The Commission voted to convene at approximately 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinna Beckwith

Administrator